lated to members of the staff. This allegation requires further investigation.

Raids on residence of Officers of Punjab and Sind Bank

2742. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the House/Office of an Assistant General Manager of Punjab & Sind Bank—Chandigarh was raided by CBI on 24th February, 1987 and currency, documents etc. were seized from their places; and if so, details thereof;

(b) whether the House of the above person was also raided on 31st of January, 1986 and CBI registered cases against him if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this Assistant General Manager has already been involved in Bogus Truck Scandal, Bogus Cheque Purchases and property cases and the CBI has already recommended major penalties against him and the same has been confirmed by C. V. C.;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the Bank has been protecting this officer and inspite of all these adverse reports; no immediate action has been taken; and

(e) if so, the reasons thereof and what action is being taken against him in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) CBI has reported that searches were conducted at the residence and office of an Assistant General Manager of Punjab & Sind Bank on 24th February, 1987 in connection with RC case No. 2/87/CHG under Section 5(2) read with Section 5(1) (e) of the Prevention of Corruption Act. Movable assets, the value of which is assessed at Rs. 1,03,215; three documents; Rs. 17,000/- in cash and jewellery valued at Rs. 37,110 were seized from the residence, office and bank locker of the said official. The case is under investigation.

(b) The residence of the same official had earlier been searched on 31st January, 1986 in connection with RC No. 5/86-CHG under Section 5(2) read with Section 5(1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act. In this case, CBI had recommended regular departmental action for major penalty against the said official.

(c) to (e) In connection with case No. RC/52/81/CHG relating to truck advances made by the Mota Singh Nagar, Jalandhar branch of the Bank, CBI had recommended regular departmental action for major penalty against the same official. After consulting the Central Vigilance Commission, Punjab & Sind Bank has served a charge-sheet on the official. The CBI has also recommended minor penalty proceedings against the said official in connection with RC No. 31/84/CHG relating to purchase of cheques at Punjab & Sind Bank's Jalandhar branches. This is being processed for obtaining advice of the CVC.

CSIR laboratories and employees

2743. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present number of science laboratories operating under the C. S. I. R.;

(b) what is the present number of employees working under the CSIR and the number of those, among them, who are scientists; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to transfer some of these laboratories; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) There are 41 Research Institutions and Laboratories functioning under the aegis of CSIR.

(b) There are 24,342 employees of different categories working in CSIR. Out of this there are 5,283 scientists.

(c) The CSIR Review Committee has recommended the transfer of following laboratories:

(i) National Institute of Oceanography, Goa to Department of Ocean Development.

(ii) National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur to the Department of Environment.

(iii) Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology, Hyderabad and Institute of Microbial Technology, Chandigarh to the Department of Biotechnology.

(iv) National Insft. of Science, Technology & Development Studies, New Delhi to the Department of Science and Technology.

The recommendation is under examination of the Government.

FERA Violations

2744. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons found violating FERA in the country during the last three years and year-wise figures;

(b) the number out of them who were successfully prosecuted, State-wise and year-wise figures;

(c) what is the number of persons who were let off, State-wise and year-wise figures; and

(d) the number of cases in which people brought foreign exchange deposited in banks abroad alongwith the amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) During the years 1984, 1985 and 1986, the Directorate of Enforcement (FERA) had initiated adjudication proceedings by issue of show cause notices for violation of the various provisions of FERA in 4269, 4362 and 6228 cases respectively.

(b) and (c) The Directorate of Enforcement has secured conviction in 130, 255 and 380 cases out of 146, 280 and 464 prosecution cases disposed of during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 respectively. However, the required information is not maintained State-wise.

(d) As a result of action initiated by the Directorate of Enforcement, foreign exchange worth Rs. 20 crores have been repatriated to India.

Realisation of cess on automobiles

2745. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Automobile manufacturers are following the cess rules 1984, and pay cess regularly;

(b) if not, the name of the companies which are defaulting in this regard;

(c) the mechanism devised by Government to ensure that all manufacturers pay the cess regularly; and

(d) the action proposed by the Government against the defaulting companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) All manufacturers required to pay cess in terms of the Automobile Cess Rules, 1984, are paying cess regularly alongwith central excise duty before clearance of automobiles from the factory of production.

(d) Does not arise.